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Mr. Torin Merrill
17607 Montero Road
San Diego, CA 92128

Dear Mr. Merrill:

This responds to your July 6, 2017 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking information pertaining to NCIS investigations into the Marines United Group. Your request was received in this office on July 6, 2017.

All Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) investigative reports are maintained in a database known as the Consolidated Law Enforcement Operations Center (CLEOC). CLEOC identifies investigative files maintained by the Department of the Navy. A search of CLEOC utilizing the information provided in your request has located one 2017 NCIS investigative file responsive to your request.

This file is currently exempt from disclosure because the investigation is still pending. Per the provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552 (the Freedom of Information Act) at subsection (b)(7)(A), law enforcement records are exempt if the production of the records at the time requested reasonably can be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. You may renew your request at a later date.

As the official responsible for the denial of your request, I am advising you of your right to appeal this determination. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. An appeal should be addressed to the Secretary of the Navy's designee: Office of the Judge Advocate General, (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue, S.E., Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374-5066. The envelope and letter must bear the annotation "FOIA Appeal." Please include a copy of your original request and our denial with your appeal letter.

If you choose not to appeal, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services. You may contact the Department of the Navy's FOIA public liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031 or the Office of Government Information Services (<https://ogis.archives.gov/>).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at (571) 305-9092 or via email at ncis_foia@ncis.navy.mil.

Sincerely,

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